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HAD  
Highest  
Average Yield  
—OF—  
Wheat & Oats  
—IN—  
Sunny Alberta  
In 1906  
ACCORDING TO  
GOVERNMENT  
STATISTICS

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## DOES IT PAY TO BUY IRRIGATED FARMS?

### MOISTURE, HEAT, SOIL AND PRICE

The question whether it will pay to buy irrigated land and to farm by the method of irrigation, or whether unirrigated land should be purchased and "dry farming" undertaken, is something that every settler in Southern Alberta is called upon to decide.

This is due to the fact that Southern Alberta is not an arid district where nothing will grow without irrigation, but is rather a semi-arid or sub humid country where there is a growth of native grasses, and where certain crops do fairly well during most seasons and yield good returns during some years.

The question also presents itself because while there are large areas of land with good soil offered at reasonable prices for the settler who wants an unirrigated farm, the irrigated areas are much smaller and the land, of course, higher priced with the additional annual water rental to be paid.

Crop production is dependent on three things, soil, moisture and heat. No matter how good the soil, nothing can be produced without the latter two. But with poor soil, wonders can be accomplished with moisture and heat, as is proved in all countries where irrigation is practiced.

Fortunately, in Southern Alberta the soil is of first class quality and we need, therefore, only concern ourselves about the moisture and heat, and will deal with them in that order.

In considering the question of moisture we cannot give statistics covering such a long period as is possible in the older settled portions of the west, because the settlement and establishment of Meteorological stations in Southern Alberta extends back only some 25 years. We have, however, definite measurements of rain and snow (commonly spoken of as precipitation) for the past 22 years to which we can refer, and they are best measure of conditions, owing to the fact that statements based on "old timer's" recollections are oftentimes erroneous. The total annual precipitation (rain and snow) and heat at Calgary for the past twenty-two years, as is shown by the Dominion Meteorological records, has been as follows:

1885.....	12.01	37.05
1886.....	11.32	38.04
1887.....	13.62	35.86
1888.....	17.51	33.15
1889.....	11.39	39.45
1890.....	15.47	35.08
1891.....	10.64	37.71
1892.....	7.92	36.1
1893.....	11.03	31.76
1894.....	11.71	32.17
1895.....	15.12	32.20
1896.....	16.05	36.00
1897.....	20.58	32.10
1898.....	16.79	37.80
1899.....	23.01	34.70
1900.....	15.45	38.57
1901.....	21.35	34.19
1902.....	15.60	36.70
1903.....	21.08	37.30
1904.....	11.16	33.30
1905.....	16.11	38.00
1906 (to September 1st).....	14.52	

An examination of the foregoing statement proves what is well known to all old residents, that Southern Alberta, in common with all that portion of the continent east of the Rocky Mountains, as far south as Colorado, is subject to marked cycles of wet and dry years. It will also be noted that the period covering ten years from 1885 to 1895, with the exception of 1888, comprised a cycle of dry years, and that the wet cycle extended from 1896 to 1904. The Meteorological returns for the past two years indicate that we are now on the down slope to a recurring dry cycle, but in the present year (1907) it does appear there will be any lack of moisture, and indeed, so far the moisture has been exceptionally good throughout the district.

If the annual moisture, as shown by the foregoing table, was available each year during the time of crop growing (May to August inclusive), it is probable that, with the exception of the year 1892, there would have been sufficient to mature a crop, but every farmer knows that rain before April the 1st or after September the 1st is of no use to help the growth of crops planted in the spring and, in fact, has only the effect of hampering his seeding and harvesting operations.

To thoroughly understand the condit-

ions of moisture in Southern Alberta, it is, therefore, necessary to consider that portion of the annual precipitation which is available between April 1st and August 31st.

From a table prepared by the Canadian Pacific Irrigation Colonization Co. it is noted that, like the one given above, indicates the marked dry cycle extending from 1885 to 1895, and gives the total average rainfall which has been available for crop production during the past twenty-two years, outside of winter wheat, which, of course, received benefit from available moisture before April 1st or after August 31st.

It has been said that next to moisture the question of heat plays the most important part in crop production, and it will therefore be of interest to note what the meteorological records at Calgary show in that way.

Southern Alberta has a mean annual temperature of 38.50 deg., and a mean temperature during the crop months of 52.4 deg., so that we may assume that the question of heat for crop production has been satisfactorily answered.

We therefore have good soil and sufficient heat, but the necessary moisture is frequently lacking. How are we to overcome this difficulty? — By Irrigation.

Irrigation, or the artificial application of water to growing crops, is as old as history itself, but the principle is little known to the residents of the eastern or central portions of this continent, though without it, in the shape of water from a well, hydrant or hose, none of our eastern cities would have the lawns, flowers or gardens that they are now so proud of.

### Agricultural Meeting

The postponed meeting to form a Gleichen Agricultural Society will take place next Monday evening, July 22d.

It is requested that the farmers and everyone interested in the prosperity of this district attend in order that the new society will start off with a good membership.

Already many farmers have expressed their willingness to subscribe liberally and it is anticipated that there will be little difficulty in acquiring the financial aid necessary for the undertaking. A very liberal offer has been made by the C. P. R. for the land to be used by the society for fair grounds, etc., and as this offer cannot be expected to be held for any length of time the need of early action is imperative.

### Bow River Ferry Unsafe

The new wire cable for the Bow river ferry reached Gleichen Friday night and was taken down the following day and strung. As a result quite a large delegation of Queenstown people arrived in town Monday evening it being their first opportunity in about three weeks.

Unfortunately the new wire is not heavy enough, in fact is a quarter of an inch smaller than the broken cable, and it is feared it will not last very long. It is also stated that the block to which the pulley on the cable is attached is not large enough for the rope used and much difficulty is encountered in operating it. The rope becomes jammed in the block each time a crossing is made and only loosens when the ferry gets into the swift water in the centre of the river, which causes it to break loose with a jerk that sooner or later will result in the cable breaking again.

A request is being made to the department at Edmonton to have these matters remedied immediately which is very necessary, otherwise it is not improbable that a very serious accident will occur. At present no heavy loads are being taken across on the ferry and it is a great inconvenience to the farmers to have to take their loads across in small sections.

The other day a man was heard cursing a certain religious sect for a lot of ignorant bigots, and it never seemed to strike him that his ever lasting chatter as an advocate of one political party was just as tiresome as the most bigotted religionist.

R. B. Hunter was representing I. G. Griffin Co. of Calgary here Monday.

### Queenstown Happenings

(From Our own Correspondent.)

Queenstown, June 24.

W. Brown, Sr., made a business trip to Gleichen for the first time in two years.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hoerle tendered a reception and dance to a large number Queenstown friend Wednesday evening in honor of their daughter Mrs. Smith, who is visiting here from Spokane, Wash., the dance which was well attended continued till the wee small hours. Music was furnished by D. Brown and Mrs. O. P. Solberg, W. Walters presiding door manager.

Several people of Queenstown were badly disappointed in trying to get to Gleichen last week. They found the ferry in bad condition and were unable to get across the river and after waiting a day or two they returned home. One of the party had a load of potatoes and while waiting they fell to and began to cook in the grand old style, and they say it was a feast fit for the gods, considering their appetites. Among the party waiting were Messrs. Wyndham, J. Muhey, B. Roe, J. Hoerle, F. and W. Robertson and Mrs. Stump and family, who intended to pay their husband a visit at Leavings, Alta. This is another one of our inconveniences without a bridge, but let us pray that this pioneer system of traveling will not last long.

T. P. McInagh is busy making some alterations on his fence three days.

S. Hellavang is busy with his well drilling machine on C. Monroe's farm and secured water at sixty feet and plenty of it.

D. Smith returned from a visit to Claresholm last Thursday.

C. McIntyre and W. H. Horle are engaged with W. H. Walters in excavating a dam at the Circle ranch.

R. Litz and wife are back on their homestead again.

T. P. McInagh has engaged the services of A. Milosky for a short term.

C. Hermann and his father drove to Gleichen last week.

J. Horle is waiting patiently to get across the river to Gleichen to pay a visit to his old home in Spokane, Wash.

### FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Queenstown, July 5th

Communication being cut off from Gleichen the people of Queenstown determined they would not be shut off from all the enjoyments of the holiday season so decided to celebrate the glorious Fourth of July at home and it was a great success. Why, we really did not know we had so many neighbors until then.

Everybody turned out from far and near with full baskets of delicacies, which when displayed on four or five big tables in W. Brown's granary provided a most beautiful selection that tickled the palates of all present and put them all in the best of humor for the afternoon's program, which resulted in the the following list of prize winners:

Fat Mens' race—O. G. Calquhoun and W. Brown Senior.

Old Ladies race—Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Hoerle, who tied three times.

Young Ladies race—Miss Katie Brown and Miss Dalton.

Little Girls race—Jessie Walters and Irene Jenson.

Young Mens' race—Bob. Rose and C. McIntyre.

Boys race—H. Dalton and Allan Robertson.

Three Legged race—Austin Brown and Bob. Rose and Wyndham's Cowboys.

Sack race—Wyndham's Cow boy and Bob. Rose.

Hop, step and jump—W. H. Robertson and Mr. Moore.

Baseball—East side of lake vs. West side of lake, the westerners scoring 7 to the easterners 4.

Half-mile Cowboy race—Wyndham's black mare taking first money, followed close by Wyndham's bay gelding, Brown's bay following out of sight.

It certainly was a hair raising race and several sums of money changed hands.

Tug of War—O. G. Calquhoun's team vs. W. Walters' team, this was a fine haul. Calquhoun's team being mostly heavy weights the ladies took pity on the light weights and got in behind and

did a little yanking which eventually got the heavy weights over, but we give the credit to Calquhoun's team.

You talk about your Gleichen Call but it was not in it with the Queenstown call for supper. After supper we cleared the tables away and turned into the dancing which was enjoyed by about 75 couples until the wee small hours of the morning, when all went home tired but saying that they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

B. Roe has gone to Claresholm for a short time.

Vic Jenson returned to Claresholm on the 9th.

W. H. Robertson accompanied by D. Robertson his father and A. Elder, who are making a trip back to N. D. to look after their interests there, went to Gleichen this week.

The ferry is going again and we can say hello to Gleichen once more.

### Irrigation Convention

Gleichen is showing up well at the Irrigation Congress that opened yesterday in Calgary, our interests being represented by Messrs. Shore, Young, Steppen, Allgood and Skeen, and it is likely one or two other of our citizens who are in Calgary will take advantage of attending the convention.

Referring to the Convention Tuesday's Daily News says editorially that the object of the convention is wholly educational. There will be no attempt made to unduly boast irrigation or to in any way suggest that artificial watering is necessary for crop production in the province of Alberta. Millions of dollars are now invested in irrigation and settlers are rapidly getting into occupation upon irrigated lands in the Lethbridge and Calgary districts on small tracts, and it is obviously desirable that the men who prefer that system of farming should be given every opportunity to succeed.

So far as known, addresses will be delivered by Professor Carpenter, irrigation director of the Colorado Agricultural college at Fort Collins, Col., one of the foremost irrigation experts on the continent; Professor T. B. Lindfeld, director Montana State Agricultural college, Bozeman; Mr. Fleming, C. E., of the India Civil Service, who will take up the question of irrigation in India; Mr. Ashcroft, of Vernon, B. C., and Mr. F. W. Grindall, of San Jose, Cal., until recently manager of Suisun Fruit Farm of California. A number of local men will also take part in the discussion.

Beyond doubt the convention will be a most important one, and should have far reaching results, particularly in Southern Alberta, and in a goodly portion of British Columbia.

J. J. Marshall, our real estate man, is proving his contention that Gleichen is the very best agricultural section in the west in which to invest, by cultivating a garden of his own during his spare moments. If anyone doubts his assertion now he invites them around to his place and his argument is at once clinched.

He has an excellent garden of which he is justly proud. His potatoes are in bloom and his corn and in fact all his vegetables are doing remarkably well—all without irrigation.

A meeting of the creditors of D. L. Cameron was held in the Foresters hall Saturday and after several hours conference an offer amounting to 55 cents on the dollar was submitted. Some of the creditors are rather inclined to accept this but others are not. However, the matter is still undecided and it is not improbable that some of the questions involved may yet be taken to court, and therefore in the meantime it is considered advisable not to give any public statement. The liabilities are stated to be in the neighborhood of \$20,000.

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Services will be held in St. Andrew's church every Sunday evening, and on the second Sunday of each month services will be held in the morning at 11 o'clock, with the administration of the Holy Communion.

Divine service will be held in Queenstown, every Sabbath, conducted by T. B. Smith.

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Gleichen, Alberta, July 18, 1907.

The banking system of Canada is one of the most perfect ever devised. Originally formed on Scotch and English plans, it has developed into a system which is essentially new and is peculiarly adapted to that country's needs. During the last twenty-five years Canadian depositors have lost only \$750,000 and note holders nothing through the failure of banks which would have been eligible to organization under the present banking laws. The pending liquidation of the Ontario Bank furnishes strong evidence of the efficiency of the system. The liabilities of that bank on the day of liquidation amounted to \$15,000,000, but its affairs are being administered without the disorganization of business or the loss of a dollar either to note holders or depositors. Contrast with these statements the amount lost to depositors and note holders through bank failures, and the methods of procedure in cases of liquidation of banks under the laws of the United States. Receivership and assignments here, after dragging along for many months, often years, are rarely closed up without much loss to depositors and creditors, the receivers, in some instances, absolutely eating up the assets in salaries and other expenses - Galveston, Texas, News.

My friend, help the editor in his wild eyed search for news. When your friends come to see you, if you are not ashamed of it, tell him; when your wife gives a tea party if you have recovered from the effects of the gossip, drop in with the news, when a baby arrives fill your pockets with cigars and eat; if you go to a party steal some of the good things, and leave 'em with the item in our sanctum. If your wife likes you come in and let us see your scars and tender sympathy through the paper; if your mother-in-law has died don't be bashful about it; give in all the common place news. In short whatever makes you feel proud, sad, lonesome or glad submit to our 24 karat wisdom and see our mated locks part and stand on end with gratitude, which will pour from every pore like moisture from the dew besprinkled earth.

The Gleichen Call is for sale at A. R. Yates' Drug Store.

Nothing else of the same cost adds so much to the attractiveness of a town, nothing else gives such an air of prosperity and thrift, of comfort and content as the good repair and neat appearance of building and fences and generally well kept up premises. A few dollars spent by way of paint, and a little time spent now and then fixing up, tuning up and keeping things in order, has a most wonderful effect and a store of satisfaction. Great and imposing edifices are not necessary to beauty and attractiveness. We know of some humble cottages, yet are so enveloped in neatness and tidiness of all things round about, we never look on them but we are reminded it must be pleasant to be there.

A recent issue of the Pall Mall Gazette has an interview with Wm. Mackenzie of the Canadian Northern. Asked the question, "Is Canada becoming Americanized?" Mr. Mackenzie is reported to have replied in these terms.

"I think not. The tendency is just the other way. In the prairie country of Western Canada we are getting many thousands of farmers from the United States. They make the best class of settlers. They were good Americans before they crossed the border, and as soon as they settle in their new home they become good Canadians."

An Edmonton despatch says it has been learned that there will be a drop of four dollars per thousand in the price of lumber in Alberta.

This change in price will take effect before ten days have passed. It is owing to an action taken by the Dominion government. The lumbermen have been complaining about the cost of the production of lumber, as being the cause of the ever advancing prices, and the government has decided to make such concessions to them in stampage and timber limits as will enable them to get out and place their goods on the market at four dollars per thousand less than at present.

Government of the North West Territories, No. 275 Certificate of Pure Bred Stallion (Horsebreeders' Ordinance C. 23, 1903). The pedigree of "Sir Samuel" (1949), described as follows: Sir "Ben Cruchan" (10504), dam Bell by Etterick Shepherd (2763); breed, Clydesdale; color, bay; marks, white hind legs; foaled, 1901. Examined and registered at Regina, 5th day of August, 1904.

[S] W. ELLIOTT,  
Commissioner of Agriculture.

Government of the Province of Alberta, Department of Agriculture, No. 693 Certificate of Grade Stallion, Horsebreeders' Ordinance N.W.T., C. 23, 1903. The pedigree of the stallion "Choss", described as follows: Color, dark chestnut; marks, —; foaled, 1900. Examined and registered at Edmonton this 14th day of June 1907.

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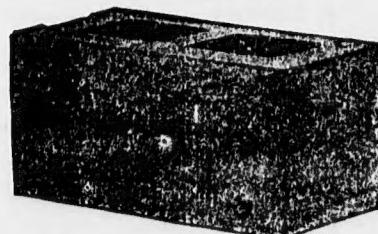
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Out of the sky as I came through,  
What makes the light in them sparkle and  
glisten?  
Some of the starry spikes left in,  
Where did you get that little tear?  
I found it waiting when I got here,  
What makes your forehead so smooth and  
high?  
A soft hand stroked it as I went by,  
What makes your cheek like a warm white  
rose?  
Something better than anyone knows,  
Whence that three-cornered smile of bliss?  
Three angels gave me at once a kiss,  
Where did you get that pretty ear?  
God spoke, and it came out to hear,  
Where did you get those arms and hands?  
Love made itself into hooks and bands,  
Feet, whence did you come, you darling  
things?  
From the same box as the cherubs' wings,  
How did they all just come to be you?  
God thought about me, and so I grew,  
But how did you come to us, you deer?  
God thought of you, and so I am here.—George Macdonald.

**MOTHER AND CHILD.**

Suggestions How to Entertain and Teach  
the Little Ones.

"Happy is the child whose nurse is its mother!" It is not realized by many how capable a child is of enmity, "even as you and I," the grown-ups, and also how incapable the average nurse is of giving intelligent amusement to her charge, and how limited her opportunity in the confines of the nursery, even were she capable. Hence the adage, "Happy is the child whose nurse is its mother."

How full of interest and adventure life may be to the little one who follows the mother in her round of duties! He will dust and sweep, try to make beds, and set the table, sew when she does and fetch and carry to some purpose, perhaps, says a writer in Toronto Star. What delight could be greater than to help at the weekly baking, to be allowed a little wad of dough, which he may knead and make into pies and cakes just as mother does? It will be grey before he is done with it; it will probably have been picked up from the floor more than once, and for the first few times will not be fit to eat, but what of that? Does the mother realize that besides amusing her little one in this way she is developing his faculties, teaching him all sorts of necessary lessons; that the play is, though without any label, the best and most desirable kind of kindergarten? She will soon find, if she takes the trouble to impress on the little scholar that there is a right way of doing all these things, yet without making a task of the play, that he is really of much assistance. It is wonderful what a little child of 4 or 6 can accomplish after a year or two's companionship with the mother.

A little game which a mother may play, while sewing perhaps, is one of buying and selling, and it will be of the interest of the child, because played with real money. Let the child buy from the mother a spool, a package of needles, and yard or a package of tape—anything the work-basket may contain or the mind suggest. For these he must pay in actual cash ten and 5-cent pieces and coppers, and count his change carefully. Or he may be the vendor, with a little basket of articles for sale and must make the change. It is a lesson in arithmetic, in addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, that will be a most exciting adventure of the greatest possible use.

All this means a certain amount of time and trouble expended, and there may be mothers who cannot be bothered, so they say; they cannot have the children "round under their feet." This is a world where we never get something for nothing, and no mother can expect the best from a child to whom she has not given her best, towards whom she has not shown a wise unselfishness.

**An Essay on the Horse.**

The following remarkable essay on the horse is said to be from the pen of an Indian student: "The horse is a very noble quadruped, but when he is angry he will not do so. He is ridden on the spinal cord by the bridle, and sadly the driver places his foot on the stirrups and divides his lower limbs across the saddle and drives his animal to the meadow. He has four legs; two are on the front side and two are afterward. These are the weapons on which he runs. He also defends himself by extending these in the rear in a parallel direction toward his foe, but this he does only when he is in an aggravating mood. There is no animal like the horse. No sooner they see their guardian or master than they always cry for food, but it is always at the morning time. They have got tails, but not so long as the cow and such other like animals."

**BROTHER to a Novelist.**

Mr. George E. Braeme, an old music teacher, who died in Toronto hospital a few weeks ago, was a brother of Charlotte M. Braeme, perhaps the most prolific novelist of the nineteenth century. She first commenced to write for The Family Herald, the popular British periodical, over the initials "B.M.C." a reversal of her own. An American pirate publisher took her novels, and published them in book form, conferring on the unknown writer the name Bertha M. Clay, which was considered a stroke of piratical genius. Miss Braeme then revealed her identity, and signed her own name to her work thereafter. The late Mr. Braeme, who was a man of individual views, had a great affection for his sister, but took no pride in her literary achievements.

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